

A September to Remember!

Visit the McCormick's Creek Nature Center TODAY!

***Healthy Parks/Healthy People:** Look for HP/HP on this schedule for a program to get "INShape" with us, and discover what it takes to keep a state park or reservoir healthy!

Are you in the park for a family reunion, special event, school visit, camp, etc.? Have a naturalist do a private program with your group... a topic of your own choice. Call the Nature Center (812)829-4344 about one-month in advance to schedule. Cost is \$1/person.

MEETING PLACES: Look for the meeting places after the program title. (Nature Center=NC)

ANY QUESTIONS? Please call the Nature Center at 812-829-4344.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

HP/HP--2:00 p.m.~ Geology of the Falls (Meet at Falls Parking Lot)—Take a hike down to McCormick's Falls and compare modern and ancient life of the creek! (45 min.)



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

11:00 a.m.~ Beginning Bird I.D. (NC)—Learn the six S's to success! (30 min.)

2:00 p.m.~ Bird Craft (NC)—A take home craft everyone will enjoy. (30 min.)

6:00 p.m.~ Friends of McCormick's Creek State Park Monthly Meeting: Focus on Bluebirds!—

Everyone is welcome: The evening starts with a wonderful potluck dinner and is followed by special speaker Ken Murray, the treasurer of the Indiana Bluebird Society. Ken will talk about the importance of bluebirds in Indiana and how to monitor and establish bluebird trails. There is an option after the talk to take a walk to our existing Bluebird Trail... we hope to find volunteers who are willing to help out with monitoring for the 2008 season.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

HP/HP--11:00 a.m. ~ Flowers at Fifty (mph)-Meet at Deer Run Shelter—Driving down highways or interstates, you may see flashes of purple, yellow, or blue... learn common roadside flowers.

HP/HP--2:00 p.m.~ Fall Flowers (Meet at Canyon Inn front steps)— Identify fall bloomers.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

3:00 p.m.~ Thorns and Threats (NC)— What prevents you from touching a plant or animal in the wild... they have natural defenses! Are they prickly, bad smelling, sharp, or with bright colors.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

11:00 a.m.~ Nature Scavenger Hunt (NC)—for all ages to enjoy!

2:00 p.m.~ Reptile Rendezvous (NC)—What's the difference between a reptile and an amphibian... learn more about these amazing creatures and see live snakes and turtles. (45 m.)

8:00 p.m.~ Sensing the Night! (Meet at Canyon Inn front steps)—Use your senses the way animals do to sense their world at night and become more comfortable in the woods at night.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

HP/HP--11:00 a.m.~ Discovering the Secrets of the Past (Meet at the Deer Run Shelter)—Discover the secrets of the Peden Farmstead...the family that first settled at McCormick's Creek.

2:00 p.m.~ Owl Pellet Dissection (NC)-What's an owl pellet? Use clues to find out what owls eat.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

HP/HP--10:00 a.m.~Coffee and Songbird Connection (NC)—Stop by the Nature Center for more information on neo-tropical songbird migrants and get a *free cup of coffee!*

2:00 p.m.~ Frogs and Toads, oh my! (NC)—More about these active amphibians. (30 min.)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

HP/HP--1:00 p.m.~ Walk to the Statehouse Quarry (Meet at Canyon Inn front steps)—Take a walk back in time to around 1878 when stone was taken from this site to help build the statehouse.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

HP/HP--11:00 a.m.~ Fall Feeding Frenzy (NC)—Changes are happening around us... animals are feeling pressured by this to fatten up for the winter. What foods are they eating? (30 min.)

2:00 p.m.~ For Goodness SNAKES! (NC)—Meet our resident snakes.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

11:00 a.m.~ Nature's Optics (NC)—Use magnifiers and binoculars to see nature differently.

2:00 p.m.~ Crows are Corvids (NC)—Learn more about the corvid family tree. (30 min.)



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

11:00 a.m.~ Parachutes in the Wind (NC)—Seed carried by wind...talk and activity.

2:00 p.m.~ Nature Invented it First (NC)— You may have thought that Velcro, parachutes, and alarms had nothing to do with nature... this talk will make you think harder about the inventions we use everyday! (45 min.)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Visit the Nature Center today! Hang out in the wildlife observation room; you might catch some different birds that are migrating (traveling south for food) through Indiana right now!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

HP/HP--11:00 a.m.~ Walk to Wolf Cave (Meet at Wolf Cave Parking Lot)—More about the Wolf Cave legend and karst topography, and cave critters. Bring flashlight to go in the cave. (1.5 hr.)

2:00 p.m.~ Roving Naturalist at the Nature Center.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.~ Archeology Day (Nature Center)—Presented by the White River Valley Archeological Association: the public is invited to bring any personal artifacts for identification. There will be displays of artifacts, replicas of prehistorical tools, and flint-knapping activities!

Special Interactive Program at 3:00 p.m. ~ AtLatl Throwing!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

HP/HP--1:00 p.m.~ CCC History Walk (Meet at Canyon Inn front steps)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

11:00 a.m.~ Incredible Edibles (NC)—Wild foods you can eat! Learn a few easy plants that are common to McCormick's Creek State Park. (30 min.)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Discover something new. Take a hike on one of the park's 10 beautiful and scenic trails!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

11:00 a.m.~ Turtle Time (NC)— Why are snapping turtles aggressive? Learn more about our resident Red-eared Slider and Snapping Turtle in this short talk. (30 min.)

HP/HP--2:00 p.m.~ Discovering Secrets of the Past (Meet at Deer Run Shelter)—Go back in history about 200 years when the first settlers bought the land that is now McCormick's Creek State Park... see evidence of an old barn and home-site. (45 min.)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

11:00 a.m.~ Easy Tree I.D. (NC)—Take a walk around the parking area to learn the basics of identifying trees in their own habitat. *If participating in the Pressed Flower Serving Tray Workshop, we will take time after the program to collect leaves to be pressed.*

2:00 p.m.~ Pressed Flower Serving Tray Workshop (NC) Cost is \$5/project—Serve company in style with a serving tray featuring beautiful fall flowers! Please pre-register at the Park Office (812-829-2235); or the day of at the Nature Center Office.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

HP/HP--10:00 a.m.~ Coffee and Songbird Connection (NC)—Stop by the Nature Center before you leave today for a *free cup of coffee*! Pick up information and learn more about neotropical songbirds and their wintering habitats.

2:00 p.m.~ Hawk Talk (NC)—Have you seen any hawks on your drive to the park... Red-tailed hawks are common roadside hunters. Learn what a kettle of hawks is and why they are called raptors! (45 min.)

